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the Kalamazoo  
Art Association**

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FEEDING THE CHICKENS

*The original of this picture is  
22 x 26 inches*

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WILLY MARTENS—DUTCH PORTRAIT PAINTER, ALSO FIGURE AND LANDSCAPE ARTIST—BORN IN 1856. PUPIL OF THE ACADEMY OF AMSTERDAM AND OF L. BONNAT, OF PARIS. AWARDED HONORABLE MENTION PARIS SALON, AND HAS RECEIVED MANY DECORATIONS AND MEDALS.

HAS PAINTED THE PORTRAITS AND IS REPRESENTED IN THE COLLECTIONS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OF HOLLAND, AND IN MANY OTHER IMPORTANT COLLECTIONS.

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of the  
**Kalamazoo Art Association**  
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**Organized 1909**



*"The man is an artist who finds out what sort of work he is fitted for and who by dint of will, good luck and a combination of causes manages to be employed upon the work he is fitted for, and when he is so employed upon it, does it conscientiously and with pleasure because he can do it well, that is an artist."*

—Wm. Morris





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## *Our Work So Far*

By the Secretary



THE Kalamazoo Art Association was temporarily organized in the fall of 1909. Mr. Walter Collins was chosen president of the temporary organization, Emelia Goldsworthy, secretary, Mrs. Frederick Van Urk, treasurer.

The temporary organization was made permanent at the first annual meeting held at the Central High School, January, 1910. Officers were elected and a constitution and by-laws were formally adopted.

The purpose of this Association is to promote the art interests of the city of Kalamazoo by giving exhibitions of modern works of art, also exhibitions of the work of local artists and craftsmen, thereby giving appreciative encouragement to all local art workers; to promote and encourage the study of the literature of art; to provide art lectures and entertainments; to establish and maintain a permanent collection of works of art; to purchase and dispose of art works, and to acquire and dispose of real estate,

*Organization*

*Objects  
of the  
Association*





Kalamazoo has present need of another Van Deusen, who will recognize the need in art as these noble citizens recognized the need in literature.

But whether or not such a philanthropist appears we may each do our part and gain immeasurably thereby.

*The Future*

The Art Association Board wishes to express its appreciation of the support accorded its movements by the body of members and especially to those who have assisted in making these art treats possible.

It urges that a campaign for an enlarged membership be undertaken at once, and that each member consider it an individual responsibility to aid the membership committee which has been especially appointed to undertake this work.

The future of this organization depends upon the willingness of the many, not alone to contribute the small annual membership fee of one dollar (\$1.00) but to co-operate with the various committees in enlarging the scope of the work of the association, which has for its motto, "Increased Beauty for Kalamazoo."





In the spring of 1910 a fine exhibition of pictures representing works by modern American and European artists, was held at the Western Normal school.

*What has  
been done in  
Kalamazoo*

The exhibition was loaned from the galleries of Mr. Scott Thurber of Chicago, and from artists resident in Indianapolis.

Several thousand visitors attended this exhibition, including the school children of the city.

As a result of this exhibition two purchases were made, a beautiful landscape, the work of Theodore Steele of Indianapolis, by the students of the Normal School; and a work of art by the modern Dutch artist, Willy Martens, by the association.

*We Purchase  
two Pictures*

The purchase of this picture was made possible by the generous subscriptions of public spirited citizens of Kalamazoo, to whom the Art Association Board wishes to make grateful acknowledgement at this time.

The picture has been enjoyed by many thousand interested spectators and it is hoped will form the beginning of a permanent collection in the city.

In the fall of 1910, a very interesting exhibition of the work of local artists and craftsmen, supple-







mented by a fine loan exhibition from the private collections of Mr. A. M. Todd, Mr. Frank Clark, Mrs. Leavitt, the St. Augustine church, and others, was held at the Vine street school auditorium. Following this exhibition Mr. Todd presented the School Board with a fine copy of Raphael's "Lady of the Veil," and a loan of a copy of Titian's "Magdalene." These pictures have found a home in the Public Library.

#### *Entertainments*

One of the most artistic entertainments ever presented in this city was that of the "Living Pictures," given under the auspices of the Art Association at the Academy of Music in April, 1910.

The several clubs of the city, and the schools and colleges represented some of the great masterpieces in appropriately costumed characters. This entertainment proved not only an artistic but a financial success.

In May, 1911, occurred the second annual spring exhibition. Some fifty canvasses from the galleries of Mr. J. W. Young of Chicago, representing the work of modern American artists, were on exhibition at the Vine Street auditorium. The works of John





Alexander, George Inness, J. E. Bundy, Chas. Ranger, Frederick Church, Mathias Alten, Matilda Brown, and a number of other great masters delighted the art lovers of Kalamazoo.

Are you interested in continuing these exhibitions and furthering the cause of art in Kalamazoo? Would you not like to see a permanent place in this city where fine works of art could be exhibited continually?

*Needs of the  
Association for  
Future  
Usefulness*

Is it not your personal concern that Kalamazoo should give its citizens an opportunity to see beautiful examples from the world of art?

Would you not like Kalamazoo to have a place where you might go and forget the humdrum things, a place that would represent in art what our public library represents in literature?

There should be 5000 members in the Art Association, each giving his dollar. There should be 500 members each giving ten times as much. There is an opportunity for a few to give much more and so to perpetuate themselves as lasting benefactors of their city.

*Here's What  
We Might Do*



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